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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



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Environment Committee

**AN ACT REQUIRING A PERMIT FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL
PROJECTS THAT INVOLVE QUARRYING**

SUMMARY: This act requires the environmental protection commissioner to establish a permitting program for any commercial project that involves proposed quarrying on property of 100 acres or less and located in a municipality with (1) a town meeting form of government and (2) a population of between 2,000 and 3,000. Quarrying involves the surface excavation of stone or minerals.

The act requires anyone seeking to engage in such a project to obtain a permit from the commissioner before starting any work. The applicant must (1) provide any information the commissioner requests, including a statement about the project's environmental compatibility with the nature of the property and all neighboring properties, and (2) submit a statement indicating why the property is the most suitable place for the project.

The act prohibits the commissioner from granting a permit for any such commercial project involving quarrying that he determines may adversely affect the quantity or quality of surface water or groundwater.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

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